

APPROVED MINUTES

RI STATE PILOTAGE COMMISSION MEETING

January 10, 2013

held at 235 Promenade Street, Room 250

Providence, Rhode Island 02908

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Capt. E. Howard McVay Jr., Chair

Capt. Peter Fritz, Member

Chief Steve Hall, Member

Larry Mouradjian, Member

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Atty. Gary Powers, Legal Counsel

Joanne Scorpio, Recording Secretary

Tom Sullivan, Moran Shipping Agencies

Capt. Paul Costabile, NEMP Assoc.

I. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

1) Quorum being present, Chair McVay called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reviewed the December 6, 2012 minutes. Member Larry Mouradjian made a motion to approve the minutes; Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. Larry Mouradjian then made a motion to finalize the approval of the November 20, 2012 minutes. Member Capt. Fritz seconded the motion. Both November and December minutes were approved by

assent.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1) CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OF RI PILOTAGE STATUTES:

Members continued to review and discuss the following state statutes:

§46-9-3 1- Appropriations: No action will be taken at this time.

§46-9-32 - Quarters and personnel for commission: No action will be taken.

§46-9-33: Statute repealed.

§46-9-34 - Severability: No action will be taken.

§46-9-35- Inspection – Fees: No action will be taken.

Chair McVay advised that this concluded the Commission's review of all Rhode Island pilotage statutes (46-9) and he would now like to move on and begin reviewing the state regulations for any updates and revisions. Review of current rules and regulations will begin at the February meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1) COMMISSION 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE: No changes to the draft schedule at this time. Chair McVay stated that the July and August meetings may be cancelled due to lack of quorum. The status of those meetings will be confirmed at a later date. Member Peter Fritz made a motion to approve the 2013 meeting schedule. Member Chief Hall seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 in favor.

2) PUBLIC HEARING DATE: The public hearing date will take place as scheduled, April 4, 2013.

3) COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: Chair McVay stated that Capt. Lemke sent a letter advising the Commission that he is temporarily disabled and plans to return to duty at a later date. McVay went on to explain that according to rule 15.04, B; when a pilot is away from duty for a period of six months or longer, that pilot is then placed on inactive status and cannot return to work until two recency trips are made as an observer in the company of an active pilot who is licensed by the Commission.

4) NORTHEAST MARINE PILOTS WORKING RULES: Chair McVay distributed a copy of the NEMP Working Rules and explained that the rules were originally introduced by the Commission to keep the pilots organized under one entity. Members and attendees discussed some of the rules that they would like to see updated.

5) PILOT ROSTER: Chair McVay stated that he emailed members a copy of the current pilot roster. There are currently seven full-branch pilots and four Block Island Sound pilots.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: No executive session.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1) Capt. Costabile advised the members that it was time to trade-in their GPS equipment for an upgrade. Chair McVay said he would speak with Jim Ball (Emergency Response) about acquiring current laptops. Capt. Costabile also advised the members that the NEMP Association will be requesting a rate increase at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: The RI Pilot Commission plans to hold the next regular monthly meeting in the conference room of the Division of Law Enforcement at DEM headquarters located at 235 Promenade Street, Rm. 250, Providence, RI on Thurs, February 7, 2013 starting at approximately 9:30am.